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#### JIMMY CARTER

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#### To Legal Services Corporation

Congratulations on your 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Rosalynn and I are pleased to join you in celebrating your fourth decade as the nation's single largest funder of civil legal aid. Since your founding, you have played a vital role in addressing legal issues facing our veterans, helping women escape domestic violence, supporting homeowners who standup to unlawful foreclosures, and ensuring that millions of low-income Americans have access to our civil justice system.

With warm best wishes for continued success,

Sincerely,

Legal Services Corporation 3333 K Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20007

### PANELISTS AND SPEAKERS

#### Maria Contreras-Sweet

Maria Contreras-Sweet became the 24th Administrator of the US Small Business Administration and a member of President Obama's Cabinet on April 7, 2014. Prior to her arrival in Washington, Contreras-Sweet founded the first Latino-formed commercial bank in California. As CA Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, she managed 13 departments, including Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Financial Institutions. Contreras-Sweet entered the private sector as the director of public affairs for Westinghouse's 7-Up / RC Bottling Company. She was a founding director of The California Endowment, a multibillion dollar philanthropic health foundation, and Hispanas Organized for Political Equality, a nonprofit dedicated to encouraging Latinas to engage in the democratic process. Born in Guadalajara, Mexico, Contreras-Sweet is a first-generation immigrant who came to America at age 5 with her mother and five siblings.

#### Representative Chaka Fattah

Rep. Chaka Fattah is the Ranking Member on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies. He also serves on two other Appropriations Subcommittees: Energy and Water Development, and Military Construction/Veterans Affairs. Fattah is Vice Chair of the House Gun Violence Prevention Task Force, and serves as co-Chair of the Congressional Urban Caucus, House Science and National Labs Caucus, and Job Corps Caucuses. Fattah has been a lifelong advocate for children and working families, and more than 25 million individuals have benefitted from programs and initiatives he has sponsored, including GEAR UP, the American Opportunity Tax Credit, youth mentoring, and STEM education programs. A congressional champion for mentoring, Fattah seeks greater collaboration between the federal government and youth mentoring organizations. Rep. Fattah is serving in his 10th term in the US House of Representatives.

#### Eric Holder, Jr.

Eric Holder, Jr. was sworn in as the 82nd attorney general of the United States on February 3, 2009 by Vice President Joe Biden. In 1997, Holder was named by President Clinton to be the Deputy Attorney General, the first African-American named to that post. Prior to that, Holder served as US Attorney for the District of Columbia. In 1988, he was nominated by President Reagan to become an associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Holder graduated from Columbia College and Columbia Law School. While in law school, he clerked at the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense Fund and the Department of Justice's Criminal Division. Upon graduating, he moved to Washington and joined DOJ as part of the Attorney General's Honors Program. He was assigned to the newly formed Public Integrity Section and tasked to investigate and prosecute official corruption on the local, state and federal levels. Prior to becoming attorney general, Holder was a litigation partner at Covington & Burling LLP in Washington D.C.

#### **Senator Tim Kaine**

Sen. Tim Kaine has served people throughout his life as a missionary, civil rights

lawyer, teacher and elected official. He is one of just 20
Americans (and the only Virginian) to have represented his
community as a Mayor, Governor and US Senator. Kaine was
elected to the Senate in 2012 and serves on the Armed Services, Budget and
Foreign Relations Committees. He is Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on
the Near East, South and Central Asian Affairs. He passionately believes that
working in compromise with the House to produce regular budgets will help
provide the economic certainty necessary to grow the American economy.
Kaine was first elected to office in 1994, serving as a city councilmember and
then Mayor of Richmond. He became Lieutenant Governor in 2002 and was
inaugurated as Virginia's 70th Governor in 2006. Kaine served as Chair of the
Southern Governors' Association (2008-2009) and Chair of the Democratic
National Committee (2009-2011).

#### Donald B. Verrilli Jr.

Donald B. Verrilli Jr. is the 46th Solicitor General of the United States. Verrilli previously served as Deputy Counsel to President Obama and as an Associate Deputy Attorney General in the US Department of Justice. Prior to government service, he was a partner for many years in Jenner & Block, and co-chaired the firm's Supreme Court practice. Verrilli maintained an active pro bono practice throughout his career in private practice for which he received several awards. He taught First Amendment law as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law School (1992-2008). Verrilli graduated from Yale University and Columbia Law School, where he served as editor-in-chief of the Columbia Law Review. He served as a law clerk to the Hon. J. Skelly Wright of the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit and to the Hon. William J. Brennan, Jr. of the US Supreme Court. On January 26, 2011, President Obama nominated Verrilli to succeed Elena Kagan as Solicitor General: he was sworn in June 9, 2011.

#### John Walsh

John Walsh has served as US Attorney for Colorado since August 2010. From 2011 to 2013 he served on the Attorney General's Advisory Committee (AGAC). In January 2012, he was named by the Attorney General as one of five co-chairs of the AG's Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities Fraud Working Group. Walsh is co-chair of the AGAC's White Collar/Fraud committee. After graduating from Stanford Law School, he served as a clerk to the Hon. J. Skelly Wright of the US Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit. Walsh served as an Assistant US Attorney in the US Attorney's Office in Los Angeles (1987-1995) where he prosecuted a broad range of federal criminal cases. Walsh participated in many notable white collar matters, including those of Charles Keating, Michael Milken, and Arizona Governor J. Fife Symington. He served as chief of the Major Frauds section of the US Attorney's Office (1993-1995), and supervised 35 Assistant US Attorneys prosecuting white collar offenses. In 1995, Mr. Walsh returned to Denver to join the law firm Holland & Hart LLP, and became a partner in 1997. In 1999, he joined Hill & Robbins P.C. His practice focused on complex civil litigation and class actions in the areas of securities, antitrust and consumer protection, as well as internal investigations and white collar criminal cases.

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